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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claim 6 as follows:

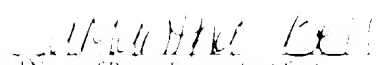
-- 6. A pharmaceutical composition for preventing or treating impaired glucose tolerance, diabetes, diabetic complications, insulin-resistant syndrome, polycystic ovary syndrome, hyperlipidemia, atherosclerosis, cardiovascular disorders, hyperglycemia, pancreatitis, osteoporosis, hyperuricemia, hypertension, inflammatory bowel disease, skin disease accompanying abnormal differentiation of epidermal cells, stenocardia, pulmonary hypertension, congestive heart failure, glomerulopathy, tubulointerstitial disorders, renal failure, atherosclerosis, angiostenosis, distal angiopathy, cerebral apoplexy, chronic reversible obstructions, autoimmune disease, allergic rhinitis, urticaria, glaucoma, diseases characterized by enteromotility disorders, impotence, nephritis, cachexia, pancreatitis, or post-PTCA restenosis.

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the pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, the benzimidazole derivative of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. --